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In re Patent Application of:

Steven Teig, et al.

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For: **Method and Apparatus for Quantifying
the Quality of Placement Configurations
in a Partitioned Region of an Integrated-
Circuit Layout**

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Group Art Unit: 2825

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 01/21/05, please amend the patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.